

FIG. 1 is a block diagram of a system 100 for monitoring user events and generating control commands for a media player 160. The system 100 includes a user 140, a media player controller 110, a memory 120, a processor 120, a user profile(s) 200, an event rules database 300, a user event monitoring process 400, an audio/visual capture device 150-1, an audio/visual capture device 150-N, an electronic program guide 130, and a caller ID device 170. The media player controller 110 is connected to the memory 120 and the processor 120. The processor 120 is connected to the user profile(s) 200, the event rules database 300, and the user event monitoring process 400. The user event monitoring process 400 is connected to the audio/visual capture device 150-1 and the audio/visual capture device 150-N. The audio/visual capture device 150-1 is connected to the media player controller 110. The audio/visual capture device 150-N is connected to the media player controller 110. The electronic program guide 130 is connected to the user event monitoring process 400. The caller ID device 170 is connected to the user event monitoring process 400. The media player controller 110 is connected to the media player 160 via control commands.

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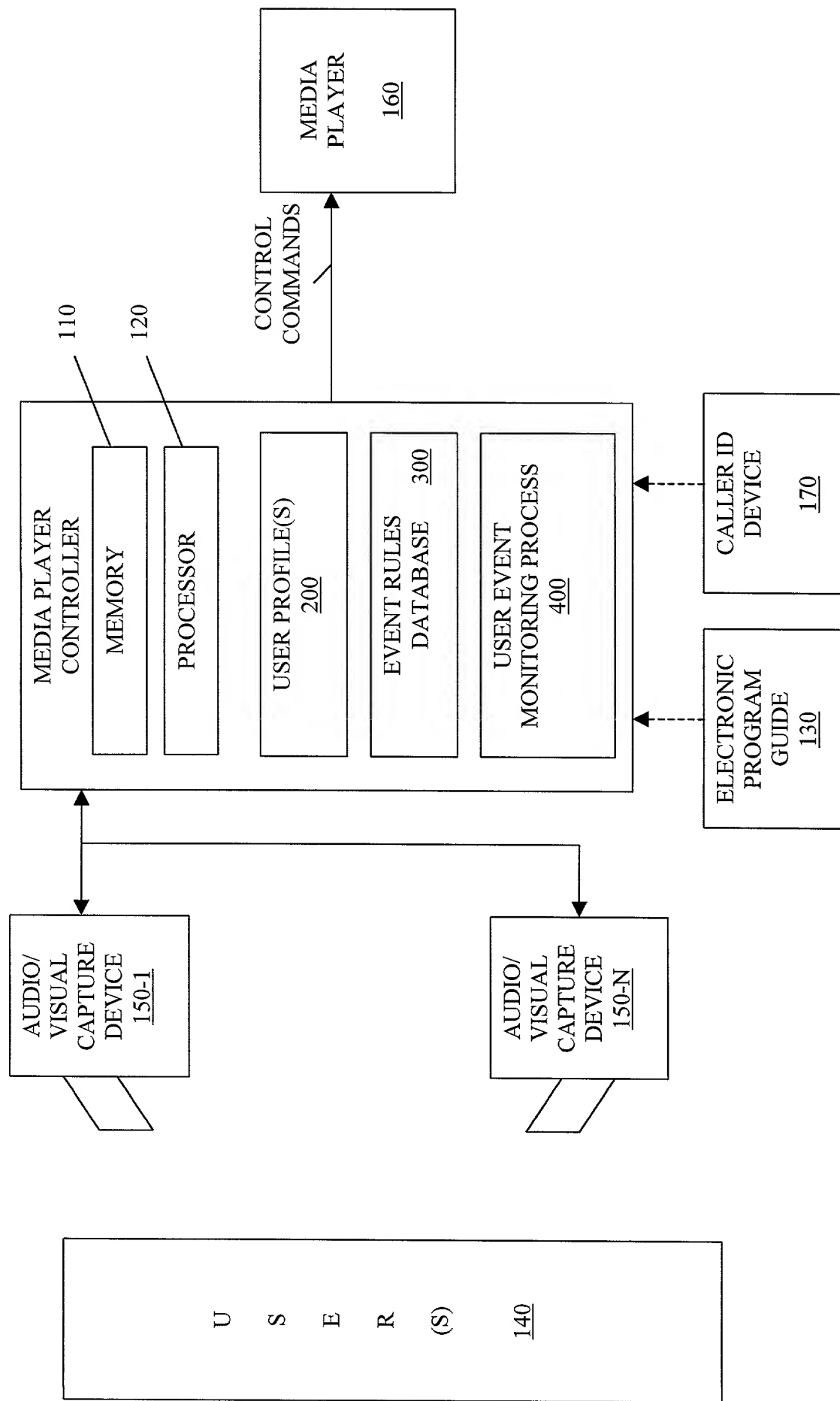


FIG. 1

USER PROFILE(S) -- 200

	USER ID	USER MEDIA PREFERENCES
205	JOHN SMITH 250	260 SEND LIVE PAUSE COMMAND TO MEDIA PLAYER UPON PHONE RINGING, UNLESS CALL IS FROM (777) 555-1212, THEN LOWER VOLUME
206	JANE SMITH	SEND LOWER VOLUME COMMAND TO MEDIA PLAYER UPON PHONE RINGING, UNLESS SELECTED PROGRAM IS A TOP-5 PROGRAM, THEN SEND RECORD COMMAND
207	...	
208	ROBERT SMITH	SEND LIVE PAUSE COMMAND TO MEDIA PLAYER IF USER LEAVES ROOM; SEND LIVE PAUSE COMMAND TO MEDIA PLAYER IF USER IS NOT PAYING ATTENTION TO MEDIA PRESENTATION

FIG. 2

EVENT RULES DATABASE -- 300

	RULE CRITERIA	ACTION
305	USER LEAVES ROOM	360 SEND LIVE PAUSE COMMAND
306	USER REMAINS OUT OF ROOM FOR PREDEFINED TIME	SEND POWER SAVE MODE COMMAND
307	USER IS NOT PAYING ATTENTION TO MEDIA PRESENTATION	SEND LIVE PAUSE COMMAND
308	USER IS ON TELEPHONE	SEND RECORD COMMAND
309	USER IS SPEAKING TO SOMEONE ELSE IN ROOM	SEND VOLUME ADJUST COMMAND
310	...	
311	USER ISSUES PREDEFINED GESTURAL COMMAND TO CHANGE A SETTING OF MEDIA PLAYER	SEND CORRESPONDING COMMAND

FIG. 3

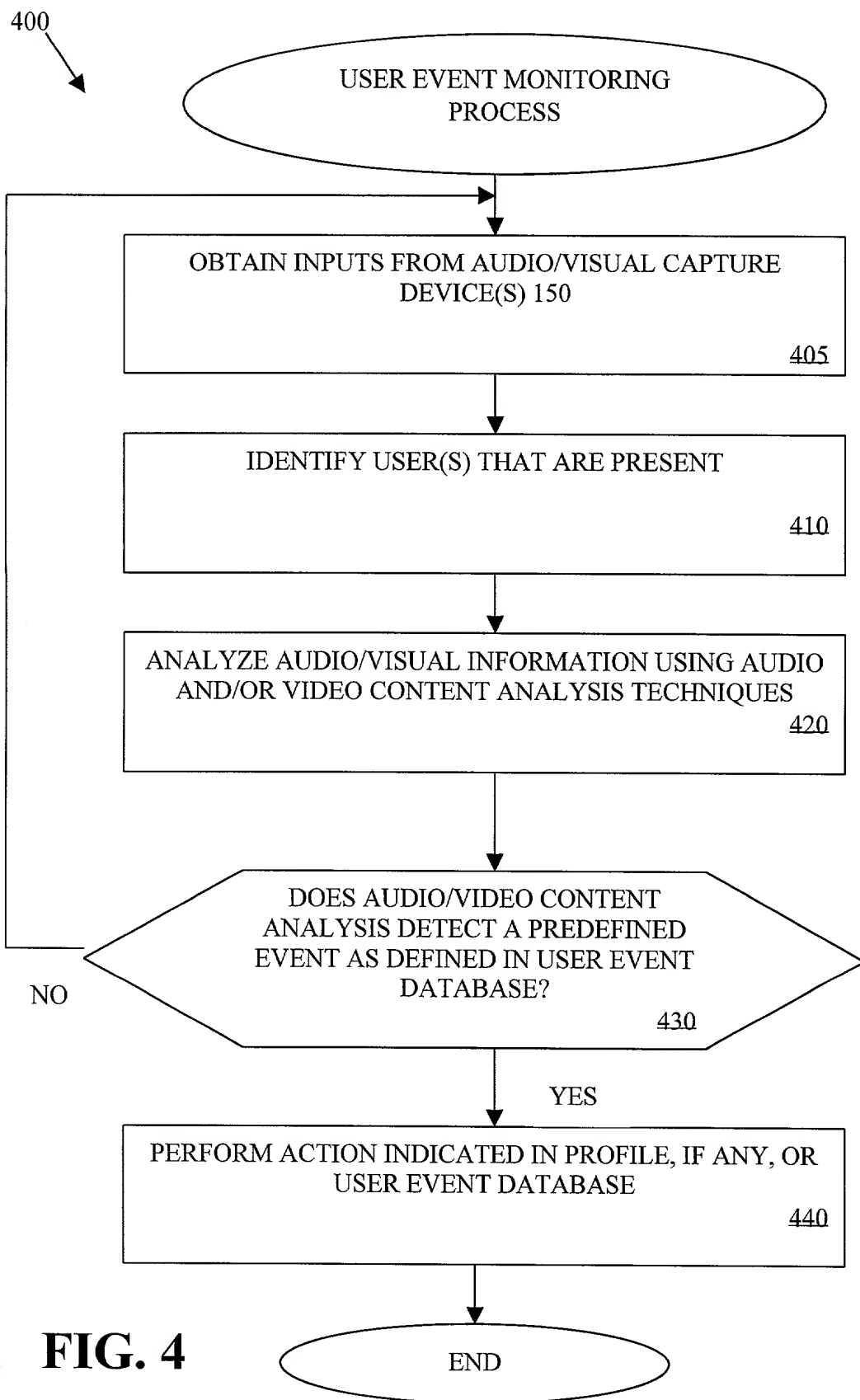


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